

Brenda Smith Global Director, Government Outreach Expeditors International

Brenda Smith is responsible for supporting Expeditors' partnerships with government agencies and international organizations focused on supply chain regulation and facilitation. She has extensive experience in international trade and compliance and currently serves as the Global Director of Government Outreach.

Brenda completed a 34-year career with the U.S. government in 2021, which included five years working as a professional staff member in the U.S. Congress, and experience at the Department of Treasury and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). At CBP, she served as the Executive Assistant Commissioner of Trade from 2014 until 2021.

In this role, she led CBP's Trade mission, overseeing trade enforcement, security, and facilitation matters to enable legitimate trade, contribute to economic prosperity, and protect against risks to public health and safety. She oversaw national compliance audits, management of trade data and CBP's regulatory process for administering trade and border operations. She partnered with CBP's IT experts to modernize trade automation and apply analytics technologies in the trade environment.

Brenda serves as part of Expeditor's delegation to the World Customs Organization Private Sector Consultative Group and on the Advisory Board of FloraTrace Inc. She is also a member of the International Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC) on Customs Matters and Trade Facilitation and a Board Member of the Association of Women in International Trade.